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## NOTES AND NEWS

### Autumn Term 1978

After a curiously slow start the new school year soon found the school bustling with activity as usual, reaching the zenith at the end of term with the excitement of Christmas festivities. Highlights of the term included a sixth form Art trip to Paris which gave pupils an opportunity to study the works of art in Le Louvre and other art galleries, or so we are told! Teams from the school took part in a debating competition organised by B.B.C. Radio Birmingham and also in a public speaking competition. The choral society and music ensemble gave two highly-praised concerts at the parish church of Coughton and Alcester. On a lighter note, visits were made to Wembley to the U.S.S.R. Gymnastics Exhibition, and to 'The Other Place' at Stratford-upon-Avon to see the dress-rehearsal of 'Hippolytus'.

Other more academically orientated excursions by senior members of the school included visits to Birmingham Universities for lectures on subjects ranging from 'Hamlet' to Physics and Economics. Within school, fund-raising activities were continued with enthusiasm. A coffee morning was held in November which raised a considerable sum for the mini-bus fund. Other fund-raising activities included the sale of coffee during break and lunch hours by Mr. Johnson and the lower sixth, and a sponsored 'Uni-hock' nobly organised by the second form. During the last few weeks of term many brains were stirred into action when Mrs. Ince tried and tested pupils in preliminary rounds of a competition to choose a team for the 'Schools Challenge', an inter-school quiz on the lines of the University Challenge competition. The Christmas activities included the Carol Service

in St Nicholas's Church, Alcester, the Junior party given by the Upper sixth, and a sherry and mince pie party to which the sixth form invited the staff; these were enjoyed by everyone concerned.

### **Spring Term 1979**

This wintry term opened with many pupils enjoying the sunshine of Bulgaria on a skiing holiday guided by the now experienced Mr. Micklethwaite. Such weather was not found in North Wales, however, where the lower sixth geography group found their visit to Marle Hall a real test against the elements, with the wind claiming many a field sketch before the week was through.

Apart from these 'athletic' activities the term also saw the school entering the Schools Challenge quiz for the first time. After many inter-school eliminating heats the final team was chosen and conclusively defeated a much larger Coventry school in the first round. However, the school was beaten in the next round by the eventual winners, Rugby School. In the debating competition the school team was a little more successful, reaching the semi-finals where they were narrowly beaten by the Bidford High School team.

Theatrical entertainment was provided by many of the younger pupils in the school's production of "Toad of Toad Hall", organised by Mr. Turner.

The end of term activities were dominated by a Lower sixth versus Upper sixth three-legged, fancy dress football match in which normally studious sixth formers were seen disguised in costumes such as the Incredible Hulk, John Travolta and an SP11 battery. The money raised at the match amounted to £17 and was sent to the Midland Society for the Blind.

### **Summer Term 1979**

This busy term opened with the annual invasion of Marle Hall by the fourth forms to study all aspects of this scenic part of North Wales.

It was the school's turn to play host when members of the lower school accommodated pupils from Loroux-Bottereau on an educational exchange. The children had lessons in school with their own teachers and also visited many places of interest during the stay. A disco was organised as a farewell party for the visitors and it is hoped that there will be a return visit to France in the autumn term.

After this the school was quickly over-taken with election fever and so Mr. Turner suggested that we have our own election debate. With candidates from the senior part of the school, all the major parties were represented and the school voted with the nation, a Conservative victory.

The fund raising activities of the school paid dividends when we purchased our new minibus. The maiden voyage proved to be a tough one carrying the lower sixth biology group to North Wales but thankfully the bus survived and was returned all in one piece just in time to be displayed at the Spring Fayre. This year's Fayre

was blessed with sunny weather and well over £900 was raised.

Right up to the end of term there were many trips including sixth form visits to Kew Gardens, Lanchester Polytechnic and other forms in the school visited the Royal Show.

The sunshine and the firm track on Sports Day promoted many record-breaking performances and proved one of the closest fought and most enjoyable Sports days for many years with a number of new "novelty" races.

Mr. Brinson and the musicians of the school certainly got it right on the night in the school's summer concert where the audience was entertained with music ranging from Mozart to the school's own pop group "Isis".

### **SPEECH DAY**

On Friday, 30th March, the proceedings opened with a group of school musicians playing the first movement from the Concerto in E Minor, op. 3, No. 11, by M. C. Festing.

The certificates and prizes were presented by Miss Mary Thompson, B.E.M., Custodian of Coughton Court, who also gave the address. The Vote of thanks was proposed by School Governor, Mrs. M. F. Feast and seconded by Head Boy, Stephen Dyer.

Prizes and awards were as follows:

First Year: Simon Edkins, Claire Linfoot, Alastair Roeves, Joanna Woodrow.

Second Year: Jonathan Cartledge, Dawn Coomber, Peter Hartland, Mair Hughes.

Third Year: David Apsley, Andrew Boston, Lindsey Collins, Sarah Hill.

Fourth Year: Russell Buxton, Timothy Down, Anne Griffiths, Graham Hemming, Julie Taylor, Amanda Wearing.

Fifth Year: Alice Emerson, Melanie Green, Anne Hunt, Amanda Smart, Dawn Summersby, Susan Wright.

Lower Sixth: Stephen Dyer, Jayne Fox, Stephen McCarthy, Andrew Phelps.

Upper Sixth: English (Audrey Webley Prize) - Christopher Hood; French - Joanna Downes; History - Sylvia Ashton; Economics - Christine Catherall; Geography (Ernest Walker Prize) - Michael Burlton; Mathematics - Colin Foster; Physics - Nigel Noaks; Chemistry - Mary Emerson; Biology - Christine Beech; Home Economics - Lesley Harris; Service to the School - Timothy Drew, Alison Scott; Bell Cup - (Mathematics) - Colin Foster; Mason Cup (best Ordinary Level results) - Alice Emerson; Spencer Cup (best Advanced Level results) - Sylvia Ashton.

### **GIRLS' GAMES**

#### **HOCKEY**

<b>Results</b>	<b>1st XI</b>	<b>won 4</b>	<b>drew 1</b>	<b>lost 4</b>
	<b>U15 XI</b>	<b>won 0</b>	<b>drew 1</b>	<b>lost 2</b>
	<b>U14 XI</b>	<b>won 7</b>	<b>drew 2</b>	<b>lost 2</b>
	<b>U13 XI</b>	<b>won 2</b>	<b>drew 2</b>	<b>lost 0</b>

### **Regular Team Members**

1st XI—J. Amor, S. Berridge, J. Brewer, H. Brice, B. Foster, J. Hasson, K. Hooker, A. Hunt, E. McCarthy, E. Plummer, J. Stevens, H. Thompson, J. Whinn.

U15 XI—J. Amor, S. Brain, J. Brewer, H. Brice, A. Feast, B. Foster, C. Gilroy, R. Grier, K. Hooker, K. Millard, J. Tuplin, S. Wright.

U14 XI—R. Baker, D. Coomber, L. Court, T. Cox, D. Drinkwater, N. Hancox, M. Hughes, R. Jordan, L. Matthews, W. Partridge, J. Powell, S. Rundle, S. Sidaway, N. Wells.

U13 XI—H. Archer, L. Bickley, S. Brewin, J. Clarie, J. Harrison, J. Hawkes, S. Hughes, L. Gascoigne, L. King, C. Leavesley, K. Lewis-Jones, C. Linfoot, S. Newey, J. Stanley.

Full Colours: H. Thompson.

Half Colours: J. Amor, J. Stevens, B. Foster, E. McCarthy.

The Old Students Match was won 3—1.

A Mixed match against Evesham College was won 2—1.

The 1st XI has done remarkably well this year considering that about half of the team are 4th formers. After a season together these 4th formers combined with the present lower 6th 'veterans' and 5th formers should ensure an even stronger team next year.

Hockey in the lower school also shows promise for future good 1st XI's.

Three people played for county teams this season:

A. Hunt for Warwickshire U18 1st XI.

J. Whinn for Warwickshire U18 2nd XI.

B. Foster for Warwickshire U16 1st XI.

Anne Hunt (L6N)

### **TENNIS**

The 1st VI won one match and lost one. They were also defeated by the Old Scholars in a close match. A Junior VI lost 5—4 to Prince Henry's 2nd VI.

In the school tennis tournament, Helen Thompson won the singles for the 4th year in succession, beating Anne Hunt. Jane Whinn and Anne Hunt beat Helen Thompson and Elizabeth McCarthy in the doubles. The junior singles was won by Rachel Baker and the doubles by Jacqueline Collison and Nicola Hancox.

### **ROUNDERS**

Rounders has suffered this year due to bad weather. The 3rd year team won their one match against Chipping Campden but the 2nd year team lost to the same school. House rounders matches revived enthusiasm for the game at the end of the summer term.

Anne Hunt (L6N)

### **BOYS' GAMES**

### **RUGBY**

1st XV: played 11, won 4. Captain: Jonathan Hallam.

2nd XV: played 1, won 0. Captain: Stephen Dyer.

In spite of the fact that only four matches were won, the 1st XV pack developed into a powerful unit, well led by Jonathan Hallam. The young three-quarters were often under pressure from older and heavier opponents.

The 'past and present' 1st XV soundly defeated the Alcester Rugby Club by more than thirty points on Boxing Day for the School's first win in this series of matches.

Colours awarded to: Digby Smart, Jonathan Hallam, Patrick Seeney, David Shore, Keith Evans, Andrew Phelps.

U15 XV: played 7, won 4. Captain: Adrian Blundell.

This team was developing into an outstanding attacking formation by the end of the season. Gregory Hickin played regularly for South Warwickshire on the wing.

U14 XV: played 5, won 0. Captain: Stephen Shirley.

Unfortunately the lack of all round size in this team meant that they found it difficult to compete on anything like equal terms. Stephen Shirley played for South Warwickshire regularly on the wing.

U13 XV: played 3, won 0. Captain: Darren Blewett.

U12 XV: played 1, won 0.

## **SOCCE**R

U16 XI: played 1, won 0. Captain: Chris Ashton.

U15 XI: played 4, won 0. Captain: Neil Edkins.

U14 XI: played 8, won 1. Captain: Glenn Danks.

DU13 XI: played 5, won 2. Captain: Nicholas Edwards.

U12 XI: played 2, won 2.

Colours awarded to: Neil Edkins, Paul Evans.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Carl Broughton finished 15th in Intermediate County race.

Stephen Molloy finished 18th in Junior County race.

## **CRICKET**

U15 XI: played 2, won 2. Captain: Neil Edkins.

U14 XI: played 3, won 0. Captain: Glenn Danks.

U13 XI: played 3, won 1. Captain: Gary Strain.

U12 XI: played 3, won 1.

Colours awarded to: Ian Sinclair, Julian Wain, Neil Edkins, Patrick Seeney, Jason Barnes.

## **ATHLETICS**

Colours awarded to Gregory Hickin who narrowly missed being selected for the Warwickshire team.

South Warwickshire representatives in the County Sports:

Gregory Hickin - 100 m. and 200 m.

Timothy Reed - Shot Put.

Graham Farmer - 100 m and Long Jump.

Louise Beaman - 100 m.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS 1979

Sports Day was held on Thursday, July 12th and after the events the trophies were distributed by Mr. J. G. Holt, one of the school governors, who has attended many of the school's Sports Days.

Included in this year's events were a few novelty races - a chariot race and a three-legged race.

Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup — Louise Beaman.

Junior Victor Ludorum Cup — Gregory Hickin.

Senior Victrix Ludorum Cup — Rachel Baker.

Senior Victor Ludorum Cup — Alistair Rowley.

John Clark Cup for 1500 metres — Alistair Rowley.

Girls' Sports Cup — Spencer.

Boys' Sports Cup — Newport.

Sports Shield — Newport.

\* denotes a new record.

### Junior Girls (1st and 2nd Forms).

1st year 100m. 1. L. Beaman (W)\*; 2. A. Beard (N); 3. A. Molloy (S).

2nd year 100m. 1. L. Portman (W)\*; 2. S. Gill (W); 3. S. Brewin (N).

200m.

1. L. Portman (W); 2. A. Thomson (W); 3. A. Molloy (S).

High Jump

1. L. Beaman (W); 2. S. Gill (W); 3. J. Beddows (S).

Long Jump

1. S. Gill (W); 2. L. Beaman (W); 3. H. Young (S).

Relay

1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer.

### Intermediate Girls (3rd and 4th Forms)

3rd year 100m. 1. S. Sidaway (S); 2. N. Vale (S); 3. R. Jordan (N).

4th year 100m. 1. J. McCarthy (S); 2. H. Edwards (N); 3. C. Ross (W).

200m.

1. R. Baker; 2. J. Powell (W); 3. J. McCarthy (S).

High Jump

1. J. Powell; 2. N. Vale (S); 3. S. Hill (W).

Long Jump

1. R. Baker (S); 2. K. Hooker (N); 3. S. Sidaway (S).

Discus

1. C. Gilroy (S); 2. J. Amor (N); 3. N. Wells (W).

Javelin

1. R. Jordan (N); 2. C. Gilroy (S); 3. J. Tuplin (S).

Relay

1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells.

### Senior Girls (5th and 6th Forms)

100m. 1. J. Stevens (W); 2. A. Hunt (N); 3. J. Whinn (N).

Long Jump 1. A. Hunt (N); 2. E. McCarthy (S); 3. E. Plummer (N).

Discus

1. E. McCarthy (S); 2. E. Plummer (N); 3. S. Hunt (S).

### Junior Boys

1st year 100m. 1. G. Farmer (S); 2. J. Cuffe (W); 3. R. Knight (W).

2nd year 100m. 1. A. Roeves (W); 2. D. Harris (N); 3. A. Knight (S).

200m.

1. D. Harris (N); 2. N. Edwards (S); 3. A. Roeves (W).

400m.

1. S. Molloy (S); 2. R. Devey (N); 3. I. Parker (N).

800m.

1. S. Molloy (S)\*; 2. T. Hood (S); 3. M. Monk-Terry (W).

High Jump

1. G. Strain (S); 2. N. Harris (N); 3. S. Todd (N).

Long Jump

1. R. Devey (N); 2. G. Farmer (S); 3. I. King (S).

Shot

1. A. Roeves (W); 2. K. Hancock (W); 3. D. Taylor (N).

Relay

1. Spencer\*; 2. Wells; 3. Newport.

### Intermediate Boys

3rd year 100m. 1. G. Hickin (S)\*; 2. A. Young (S); 3. S. Rigby (N).

4th year 100m. 1. G. Hickin (S)\*; 2. A. Shorey (W); 3. P. Evans (N).

200m.

1. G. Hickin (S)\*; 2. S. Shirley (W); 3. P. Bayley (S).

400m.

1. A. Shorey (W); 2. A. Young (S); 3. W. Wilks (N).

800m.

1. S. Clark (N); 2. J. Matthews (N); 3. J. Emerson (S).

1500m.

1. S. Clark (N)\*; 2. S. Thomas (W); 3. J. Trout (S).

High Jump

1. A. Blundell (W) = P. Bayley (S) = S. Rigby (N).

Long Jump

1. P. Evans (N); 2. G. Danks (W); 3. A. Young (S).

Discus	1. C. Sheridan (N); 2. D. Bullingham (W); 3. N. Edkins (W).
Javelin	1. G. Hickin (S)*; 2. M. Greenaway (N); 3. S. Clark (N).
Shot	1. C. Sheridan (N); 2. N. Edkins (W); 3. A. Blundell (W).
Relay	1. Spencer; 2. Wells; 3. Newport.

### Senior Boys

100m.	1. J. Barnes (S); 2. A. Matthews (N); 3. J. Wright (W).
400m.	1. A. Rowley (N); 2. P. Seeney (W); 3. N. Hood (S).
1500m.	1. A. Rowley (N); 2. P. Seeney (W); 3. N. Hood (S).
Long Jump	1. A. Matthews (N); 2. A. Rowley (N); 3. J. Barnes (S).
Discus	1. J. Wain (N) = J. Wilks (N); 3. D. Cooper (W).
Javelin	1. J. Barnes (S); 2. C. Broughton (N); 3. P. Crow (W).
Shot	1. T. Reed (W); 2. P. Bromwich (N); 3. D. Cooper (W).

### Novelty Events (Mixed)

Three-legged race:

Junior	1. Spencer; 2. Wells; 3. Newport.
Intermediate	1. Newport; 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.
Senior	1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

Chariot race:

Junior	1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.
Intermediate	1. Wells; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport.
Senior	1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1979

	1st	2nd	3rd
Senior Rugby	W	N	S
Junior Rugby	W	S	N
Senior Hockey	N	S	W
Junior Hockey	N	=	S
Cross Country	N	S	W
Senior Soccer	W	S	N
Junior Soccer	W	S	N
Sports Shield	N	S	W
Senior Rounders	N	S	W
Junior Rounders	N	=	S
Junior Cricket	W	S	N
Senior Cricket	W	S	N
Total:	W—78	N—70	S—68

### BADMINTON CLUB

The first year's badminton club, run by Mrs. Matthews, takes place on Thursday lunchtimes and is attended by about ten up-and coming young players.

After school there is also a club for those keen enough to stay behind for extra coaching. The junior group is not quite up to Olympic qualifying standards as yet, and so have not entered any competitions.

There is also a senior club on Tuesdays which is run by Mr. Micklethwaite and fourth year members have this year entered a competition.

Lucy Matthews, 2S.

### **TRAMPOLINE CLUB**

A trampoline club, which meets every Friday dinner time in the hall, has now been formed by Mr. Cowell.

Here we learn the basics of trampolining, gradually improving and learning more advanced movements and routines as we prepare for trampolining awards.

Jane Stevens (L6W)

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

The club had a very good start to the year with many enthusiastic members in the lower forms. It is hoped to hold regular evening sessions in the next academic year when perhaps the more senior members will be able to pass on their expertise to the juniors. We look forward to re-establishing a team to play duplicate bridge with the neighbouring schools in the near future.

C.M.H.

### **THE DEBATING SOCIETY**

During the course of the school year this society has flourished with attendances of between thirty and fifty at each debate. We have debated a number of controversial issues ranging from euthanasia and the problem of the Vietnamese refugees, to fox-hunting and nuclear disarmament. However, not all of the debates have been on such a serious level, and we recently debated the motion that, "This house believes that a Woman's place is in the home". Needless to say, this motion was heavily defeated. All of the debates have been thoroughly enjoyed, with speakers of a very high standard. Speeches from the floor have also been numerous, and have made a worthy contribution to the debates. Recently a committee was elected for the coming year, including Julie Hall and Lynne Silverstone as chairman and vice-chairman respectively with Amanda Wearing acting as secretary. We are at present organising a debate upon the topical issue of capital punishment and we are looking forward to future debates.

Amanda Wearing, 5M.

### **THE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

In October, the school entered this annual competition held by the United Kingdom Federation of Business and Professional Women. Our team consisted of Anne Griffiths who was the main speaker, Julie Taylor who acted as chairwoman, and Sarah-Jane Plant who proposed the vote of thanks.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Woodcock, Anne spoke forcibly on the subject of Vivisection, but we met with considerable opposition from Bidford High School and two Shottery Girls' Grammar School teams, one of which went on to the second round.

However, as this was the first time the school had entered the

competition, everyone was pleased with the performance and a great deal of valuable experience was gained.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Woodcock for her assistance beforehand.

Sarah-Jane Plant, 4M.

### **"THE FLOOR IS YOURS"**

During the autumn term, a team from Alcester Grammar School was invited to take part in a debating competition organised by B.B.C. Radio Birmingham.

"The Floor is Yours" is mainly aimed at Debating Societies and Speaking clubs, consequently there were only a few schools taking part.

Our team consisted of Julie Hall, Amanda Wearing and Jonathan Hallam who proposed the motion "This house believes that good manners are out of fashion." The format of the competition, which took place at Pebble Mill, was very different from any other debate which we had taken part in and the judges gave their marks taking into consideration the fact that over the radio it would only be heard and not seen.

The debate was won by the opposition, three able debaters from Stoke Park School, Coventry. However, I think our team benefitted from the experience they gained against such tough opposition and by the novel experience of taking part in a radio debate. In fact the evening was thoroughly enjoyable, particularly for our group of supporters who found the experience of taking part in a radio recording very enlightening !

Julie Hall, 4S.

### **RUSSIAN GYMNASTIC DISPLAY**

On Friday, 10th November, a group of nine girls were taken, by Mr. and Mrs. Cowell, to watch the U.S.S.R. Gymnastic and Acrobatic display teams in action, at the Wembley Arena in London.

Leaving the school at 3.45 p.m. we arrived at the performance, at 7.30 p.m. There were quite a few new faces in the team of gymnasts, but it also included some better known gymnasts i.e. Nelli Kim, Elena Moukina, Svetlana Grosdova, Nicolai Andrianov, Alexander Detiatin, many of whom competed in the World Championships.

We were entertained by a most spectacular performance from the Gymnastic and Acrobatic display teams.

It was a night to remember, a most exciting evening for all.

Fiona Apsley, 1S.

### **SPONSORED 'UNI-HOC'**

Whoever said that man was descended from the apes would have jumped for joy if he had seen Stephen McCarthy refereeing at form 2M's sponsored Uni-hoc in January. Hardly a moment went by without Stephen clambering up the hall wall-bars in a desperate attempt to flee the racing children.

With lethal uni-hoc sticks in hand the class made an enormous effort to raise money for a much needed Kidney dialysis machine. This tragic case of the murder of a uni-hoc ball resulted in the raising of £80 which was gladly accepted by the Stephen Williams fund.

The slightly more sensible of the class decided to take the less dangerous task of walking from the Ridgeway to Aston Cantlow. The funds raised from this event added an extra £5 to the money raised from the earlier happening. All enjoyed themselves though it was reported that the referee was last seen swinging from a tree while attempting to recuperate after his trying experience.

Alistair Roeves (2M)

### **SKI-TRIP TO BULGARIA - FEBRUARY 1979**

This year the destination of the party going on the annual ski-trip was behind the iron curtain in Bulgaria, in the resort of Pamporovo. We set off early on the morning of the 20th February and after a tiring journey by coach and air we eventually arrived at the Hotel Orpheus in time for our evening meal.

Next morning, after being equipped with skis and boots, we were divided into groups and our skiing began. After the first couple of days most of us had found our skiing legs and we went up to higher slopes in the chair-lift which was quite enjoyable once we had negotiated the problem of getting on and off.

On the first day we were treated to a ski-display by our instructors which was a show of various tricks and acrobatics on skis and was very enjoyable.

Towards the middle of the week our instructors took us up to a coffee bar in a large tower from which it was possible to see Greece and Turkey. We then skied down by various routes along the mountain paths.

On the last day we had our test which was a slalom and in the evening our instructors presented us with our certificates. The week had flown by and before we realised it the morning arrived and it was time to leave.

We arrived back at school at the end of the afternoon, just in time to meet the mass exodus of buses, bicycles and cars.

We would all like to thank Mr. Micklethwaite, Mr. Cowell and Mrs. Bonham for organising a wonderful holiday.

Anne Griffiths, 5M.

### **MUSIC TRIP TO LONDON**

During March, a party of musicians from the school took the train from Leamington to London to attend a concert given at a London Hotel, as part of a programme sponsored by Yehudi Menuhin to provide concerts for young people.

The concert was given by a Baroque Chamber Music Group, playing on exact replicas of the original 17th century flute, violin, 'cello and harpsichord. Works by Teleman, Bach and Handel were per-

formed. After the concert, we were invited to take a closer look at and in some cases, try out, the instruments which the group had played.

After staying in an hotel, we spent the next morning at the Royal College of Music, where there is a large collection of old musical instruments, some very strange indeed; for example, the 'Glass Harmonica' the sound of which was supposed to send both listeners and performers insane! It was banned soon after its invention.

After the visit to the Royal College, the party went to the Horniman Museum of music.

Alice Emerson, L6 S.

### **PANCAKE RACE**

Shrove Tuesday saw four L6 pancake race enthusiasts limbering up for the annual dash up the High Street.

The opposition, suitably clad in sports clothing, looked aghast when the A.G.S. contingent arrived adorned with mob-caps, aprons and Union Jack waistcoats. Rowena Swinbourne was a sight never to be forgotten in her guise as 'Mrs. Mop'.

Hampered by a trailing mob-cap and a particularly adventurous pancake, Anne Hunt managed to finish the race in last-but-one position. Alice Emerson, another entrant, came nearer the front-runners but no one could emulate the efforts of Jane Whinn whose pancake power gained her equal 2nd place.

Competitors completing the race received T-shirts donated by Fagersta, the organisers of the event.

Anne Hunt (L6N)

### **COMMENTS FROM FOURTH FORM DIARIES KEPT AT MARLE HALL, MARCH 1979.**

We were then introduced to the warden, Mr. Dyer, who spoke to us for a few minutes before being spilt into groups. (!!!)

For breakfast we had Weetabix and poached egg on fried bread. It was a good breakfast and very filling too.

I don't care what they all say about Marle Hall meals - I don't care if they say the bacon's like a leather belt, the peas are "processed" and the worm soup is really maggot, I like Marle Hall food!

We had a drink of tea and hot mince pies at 5 o'clock and at 6.30 we had our dinner consisting of mushroom soup, followed by roast pork, roast potatoes, sprouts and apple sauce, and then banana sundae. The walk was enjoyable except for the mud, rain, wind and steepness. The descent was fairly uneventful except where my complete body came face to face with the bog.

We rumbled off into the hills and visited a lovely forest with beautiful scenery, prickly prickles and cascading waterfalls.

Today we had Mr. Mickethwaite's amazing walk which we had all heard about, but personally, I don't think he really got lost - I think he knew where we were all the time, but hush! I enjoyed the walk.

Mr. Cowell kept looking at the map (did he notice it was upside down?) and confidently, when we came to a forked road, tossed for which way we would go.

I enjoyed today and I would recommend going down a mine to anyone. On the fifth district (i.e. layer in Penmachro mine) was an 80 feet deep puddle above which ten morons (A.G.S. 4th years) clung and swung from a rope. On the way out we climbed over a very sturdy bridge which, for some unknown reason, everyone had trouble with. Could it be the fact that half the bridge was in 12 feet of water or that the three wires we clung to were under 6 feet of water? Outside there was a bog (ask William about bogs) and a stream (ask Roy about streams). Out on the hill came a group of proud kids in crash helmets, waterproof macs, musical wellies and red knees.

From William — Further on I had the misfortune to come across a deep bog. Having sunk to over my knees in squelching peat, Pete Bailey and Richard Anderson dragged me out. On coming out of the mine we found ourselves running down a boggy slope. Unfortunately, Roy made an abrupt stop, but his legs decided to continue. It would have been alright if a stupid stream hadn't placed itself there centuries before, but it was a laugh seeing Foss squatting in the stream like a pregnant chicken.

Whilst we were wandering around the mines, Simon Pepper kept holding the candle up and saying: "I feel like the Statue of Liberty"! Day 3 Adventure. This sounded ominous to start with but I thought this was the best day so far — afterwards.

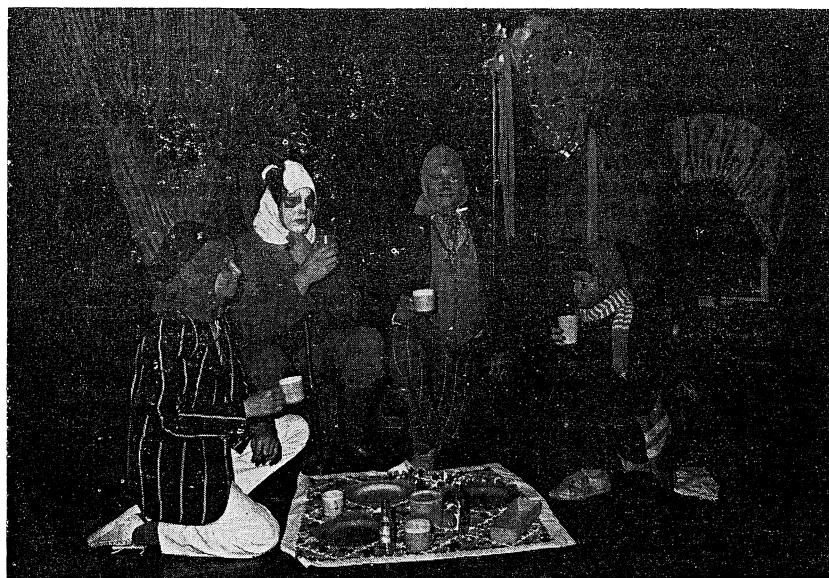
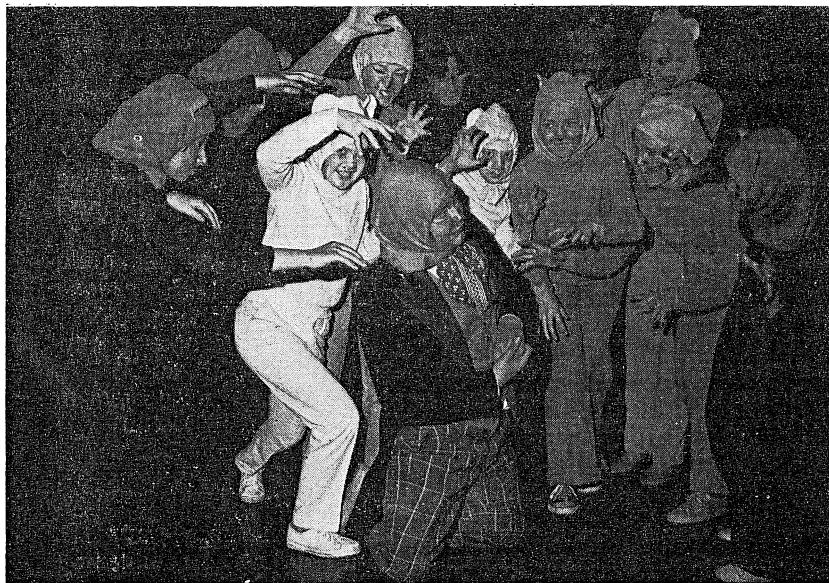
We had only been walking for a minute or so when it started to rain quite heavily but as this was "only a shower" and "the sun would break through at any moment" we waited five minutes before putting our waterproofs on . . . . we made it back to the minibus alive but very wet because that passing shower had kept on raining non-stop since we left the minibus.

In the mine we kept finding old relics of former days such as boots, bottles, candle-holders, even candles, nails, trucks and cranes . . . . We set off down incredibly narrow passages where even Mr. Cowell had to crawl . . . . We had to traverse an underground lake in a cavern that had no bridge or footholds. This was done by using a special belt with a clip along with the stakes conveniently placed in the wall by miners.

We come to the conclusion that Marle Hall is an opportunity you mustn't miss, it's really fantastic and great fun and we didn't have spam sandwiches every day!

#### **'TOAD OF TOAD HALL'**

This year's school play was 'Toad of Toad Hall' by A. A. Milne. The choice of play was a welcome break with tradition as it gave large numbers of junior pupils the opportunity to take part. The enthusiasm of the young cast added to this light-hearted production. The cast was as follows:- Marigold, Helen Brice; Nurse, Benedicte Foster; Mole, Suzanne Brain; Rat, Nick Strain; Badger, Nigel Braith-



waite; Toad, Jonathan Howarth; Alfred, Lucy Matthews and Sian Hughes; Usher, John Matthews; Judge, Julia Hall; Policeman, Alistair Roeves; Chief Weasel, Tim Gill; Phoebe, Lydia Emery; Aunt, Sarah Hill; Weasels, ferrets, stoats and other animals, too numerous to mention!

Jonathan Howarth gave a particularly spirited performance as 'Toad', he clearly enjoyed the part, adding to the general mood of the play. The boastful 'Toad' was well supported by Nigel Braithwaite as an extremely convincing 'Badger'. His lamentations at the fate of his friend 'Toad' were excently played. Suzanne Brain and Nick Strain both gave faultless performances. Suzanne became a favourite with the audiences as the meek Mr. Mole, and Nick was a very practical 'Ratty'.

All four characters sang well, Suzanne Brain in particular gave an excellent solo performance. Mr. Turner's inspired direction produced amusing routines to accompany the singing. The audience especially appreciated the rendition of 'A Walloping we will go'.

After a hesitant start, the 'Wild Wooders' soon became suitably evil with their weird dancing, chanting and 'Down with Toad-ing ! The special effects department provided lightning flashes and thunder claps creating a realistic scene which no doubt frightened younger members of the audience !

Lucy Matthews and Sian Hughes must be mentioned for their well-timed performance as 'Alfred', the horse, showing great skill when manoeuvering the 'canary coloured cart', usually leaving the scenery intact !

Tim Gill's cockney accent made his sarcastic mocking all the more menacing in his role as the 'Chief Weasel'.

The court scene where 'Toad' was on trial for reckless driving was visually the most successful. The assembled animals of the Jury (in costumes created by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Holmes) made a colourful interpretation of the scene. Julia Hall as the Judge tried in vain to keep order in court and her attempts brought a fine touch of farce to the proceedings.

Alistair Roeves' north country accent and splendid facial expressions contributed to a very funny portrayal of the harassed policeman trying to keep 'Toad' in order.

Due thanks must go to Mr. Maund for the scenery construction and to the stage crew under the direction of Hugh Rowley.

The properties and scenery were of a particularly high standard this year. Miss Simm's spectacular Banquet Hall backcloth was one of the best for many years.

Make-up was by Miss Bywater, who was aided and abetted by the L6 girls. Music was under the direction of Mr. Brinson and the producer was Mr. Turner.

Helen Thompson (L6N)

#### **FRIENDS FROM FRANCE**

On the evening of April 19th a coach, full of tired children, arrived

from Loroux-Bottreau to stay with members of the school whom they had never met before. As is usual in these situations, the visitors were looking at us to see if they could guess who they would be staying with and we were doing exactly the same from where we were standing. It was a great help to them for each of us to be wearing a label showing the name of our French visitor.

The visit got off to a great start with handshakes and smiles all round. They really showed that they were pleased to be here.

My friend, Yves, was very pleasant company and joined in everything there was to do, entering into the English spirit. He enjoyed every meal that was put before him and found English food very palatable. He even enjoyed school dinners.

Their "English Club" had prepared them well for our way of life. We played many games after school with different groups, the English children winning most, but I am sure they will all be practising their games now on their own soil, ready for our return visit.

I think all the French children enjoyed their visit, even if they did have to have lessons in school, as we also enjoyed having them here.

I am sure everyone will be looking forward to meeting them again in the future and so carry on the friendships which have made made.

Philip Wright, 3S.

During the second week of the French group's stay, Jean-Claude Murgalé, a reporter for 'Ouest France', visited the school and accompanied the children for a few days. His report includes impressions of the visit by three of the children, Eric, Ollivier and Hélène. Here is a translation of a brief extract from his newspaper article:-

Already the Alcester school uniforms had surprised everyone. From the youngest to the oldest, the same black blazer with its red badge. For everyone a grey pullover, a white shirt, a black and red striped tie. Grey trousers for the boys, grey skirts for the girls.

And more astonishing still, the morning assembly. The whole school gathered together, 500 pupils, in the gymnasium. At the piano, unusual in such a place, a teacher plays a piece of music as the headmaster, in his black gown mounts the platform and stands in front of the polished wood lectern, facing the pupils, each one holding a small grey hymn book. There follows a hymn which everyone sings, quietly meditating. Then the headmaster reads an extract from the Bible, followed by silent prayers. Suddenly, everyone sits down on the wooden floor. The atmosphere has changed. The headmaster, in a lively tone of voice, makes some announcements. "A new mini-bus has been bought by the school to replace the old one. For the Parliamentary Elections a poster is on display for pupils who may wish to express their opinions about it."

Then, one after the other, the teachers, hitherto sitting facing the pupils, men on the left, women on the right, speak to the children about the arrangements for the day. This is a daily ritual. "It's better

than our notices pinned on the board at the entrance to the school," comments Eric. "Moreover, every morning you can see all the teachers." During one school week, Eric and his faithful friend Ollivier happened to sit three times at the same table as a teacher in the dining-room at mid-day. "Everyone eats together without fuss".

Thus the days go by in this school with its old but clean buildings surrounded by a green belt of football and rugby pitches and tennis courts. All the class rooms look alike: the same old-style furniture, wooden chairs and polished desks stained with ink. On the first day, Hélène stopped in the corridor where are hung all the school photographs of pupils since 1913. "Look!" she said, "You might say they are wearing the same uniform as today!"

D.E.O.

### **CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERTS**

The Choral Society gave two concerts during the year. The first concert was in October, at St Nicholas' church, Alcester. The programme started with four short choral items, soloists Mrs. Brain, Joanna Tuplin and Alice Emerson.

Then a group of musicians from the school played a Concerto by Festing; the flute soloists were Julie Hinks and Rachel Coldicutt.

The main work performed in the evening was the oratorio composed by Handel; The Creation. Soloists for this work were not members of the Choral Society, they were Mr. Green, Bill Thomas, and Gillian Astley.

The size of the audience for the concert was disappointing, though it was enjoyed very much by those who were there. The concert was repeated the next week at Coughton Church, and much better attended. At Coughton, 'The Creation' was replaced by Fauré's 'Requiem'.

The Choral Society also sang, as usual, at the school carol service.

The second concert given this year was at the school. Members of the school also performed at this concert, mainly solo items. The Choral Society sang two madrigals and two four-part folk songs. Solos were sung by Suzanne Brain, Joanna Tuplin and Alice Emerson; piano soloists were Francesca Tomkins and Adele Beard; a trio for flute, piano and clarinet was played by Julie Hinks, Jane Glaze and Jonathan Hallam; and poems were read by Stephen Dyer, Julia Hall, Sarah Hill and Suzanne Brain, who gave an excellent reading of a Hilaire Belloc 'tongue-twister'.

Alice Emerson, L6S.

### **BARNARDO'S**

The amount raised by the school for Barnardo's during 1978-79 amounts to £135.87. This consists mainly of £77.69 which came from boxes belonging to the fifth and sixth forms: I was unable to collect boxes from the main school at Easter as I usually do but I

hope to arrange for their collection in September - I shall be letting members know the exact date in the Autumn term.

We missed the usual form 1 Christmas Tree Collection as I was absent and unable to arrange it but the welcome sum of £29.38 was raised by Julie Taylor, Karen Miller and Sally Miller who went out carol singing in the weeks before Christmas. The non-uniform day when the Juniors have their party has now become a tradition of the school and in December this brought in £28.80.

The Founders Award for outstanding service to Barnardo's has been awarded to Julie Taylor.

K.G.M.

### **SCHOOLS CHALLENGE**

Having selected our team by holding an internal school challenge quiz, we awaited the date of arrival of the competitors from Finham Park, our opponents in the first round of this inter-school competition.

We faced them with some trepidation as they had previous experience of Schools Challenge. One member of their team was extremely good at literature, our weak point, but as the competition continued we were pleased to find ourselves in the lead. A position which we retained to the end.

The next stage was against Rugby School and we were to compete at their school. The team, David Shore (Capt.) David Robertson, Jonathan Howarth and Jonathan Cartledge, plus the reserves and a few spectators piled into the mini-bus and set off for Rugby.

Shortly after the quiz began, Mrs. Ince was asked to be adjudicator. After the first few rounds the opposition gained a substantial lead which we failed to equal.

Although we did not reach the semi-final, it was an experience we all enjoyed.

J. D. Cartledge, 3S.

### **VISIT TO LANCHESTER POLYTECHNIC**

In June, a group of eager lower sixth form students set out for Coventry to discover the official (and unofficial) life of the Polytechnic.

We arrived early, which was just as well, as it took us almost twenty minutes to find our base; the illusive block 'N'.

After a brief introductory lecture, students split up to visit one of four faculties of the Polytechnic in more detail. The four faculties were Art and Design, Social Sciences, Engineering, and Applied Sciences. People who visited the Art and Design faculty had the opportunity to view many degree exhibition shows and soon learnt to avoid the lift which had a mind of its own and was unwilling to let the unsuspecting in or out!

The cafeteria lunch which followed was impressive both in choice and low prices.

In the afternoon students were allowed to visit a second of the

four faculties. Those who visited the Engineering faculty could be seen struggling to our coach with large plastic souvenirs which defy description but apparently were the result of an experiment!

The group returned in the late afternoon, with a good idea of Polytechnic life. Our thanks to Mrs. Ince for organising this valuable outing.

Joanne Bateman, L6W.

### **VISIT TO THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW**

On the 3rd of July, one of the few really hot days of the summer term, a minibus load of biologists and other keen naturalists set out from A.G.S. at 8.30 a.m. in order to have a full day at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Arriving at Kew we all paid the customary entrance fee of one penny. We could hear no complaints of today's high inflation rate here as this charge has remained unaltered since the Gardens were opened.

We all had plenty of time to look round the glass houses which contained such botanical wonders as the filmy ferns, the rare orchids and Swiss Cheese plants which could hardly fit into the Palm House let alone the average size living room! With most of us surviving the perils of the carnivorous plants we were able to wander through the outdoor gardens which were a beautiful site with the roses and heathers in full bloom.

I am sure that even the uninitiated who thought a plant was just a plant were thoroughly impressed with the sights of the Garden and we should like to thank Dr Preston-Mafham for a truly eye-opening day.

Rowena Swinbourne, L6N.

### **THE ROYAL SHOW**

On Thursday, July 5th all of the second year pupils went to the Royal Show at Stoneleigh near Warwick. The best events going on were usually every hour or so, which was helpful because you can't be in two places at once.

The best event we saw was the tractor-pulling which was won by a tractor with an American-built Rolls Royce V8 Merlin engine, the type used in Spitfires, which in top gear used five gallons of petrol per minute. Another interesting event was the Australian Axemen's act, held in the Grand Ring, which was the largest show place. Logs were erected and the axemen chopped part of the wood away and into the hole put plants on which they were able to climb the log.

The show was mainly for farmers and, on different stands, machinery was presented by many big firms.

We were very surprised at the price of drinks; they were twice as much as we normally pay. Unfortunately we only had a few hours at the show and did not see as much as we would have liked.

All in all it was a very enjoyable day and, on behalf of all the

second years, we would like to thank the teachers who organised an excellent trip.

Ian Parker and Andrew Richmond, 2M.

### **THE COMPETITION DEBATE**

The debating competition organised by the Stratford-on-Avon Junior Chamber of Commerce this year, culminated in a final without our school team. Nevertheless, we contested two excellent debates against Shottery Girls' Grammar School and Bidford High School.

In the first round of the competition, we debated the relevance of the Monarchy in our society today. Despite Shottery's claims of presidential superiority, our team of Nicola Filla, Julie Hall, Julie Taylor, and Jennie Holland defended our Queen and constitution and won what was an excellent debate.

The following debate against Bidford High School, however, resulted in our defeat. The uses and legislation of euthanasia was the difficult subject debated, and our team of Julie Hall, Nicola Filla, Jennie Holland and Sarah-Jane Plant spoke in favour of euthanasia. However, Bidford's claims that euthanasia was merely a euphemism for "killing granny" won the day, and the team went on to win the rosebowl which we had, of course, held for the past year. Thanks are due to all concerned, especially Mrs. Woodcock, for a very enjoyable competition and we look forward to a successful competition next year.

Sarah-Jane Plant, 4M.

### **OLLA PODRIDA**

For many years the 'Record' contained an item entitled 'Olla Podrida' but this section has failed to appear in recent years, due to a shortage of suitable contributions. Entries under this heading consisted of pupil "howlers", usually supplied by the staff, and unintentional staff witticisms or slips of the tongue, usually submitted by pupils. The word "olla" is from the Latin, later absorbed into the Spanish language, and means "stew-pot". "Podrida" literally means "rotten" or putrefied". The two words together are used to describe a dish consisting of meat and vegetables stewed together, but the 'Record' has always taken the heading to indicate a miscellany of accidentally humorous statements - in fact, school boy/girl/teacher "howlers".

During the year, please make a note of any likely examples you see or hear and pass them to your form representative or any member of the Editorial Committee.

D.E.O.

J.G. (1M) writing about Alexander the Great in the history examination, stated that "the King of Pershore at the time was Darius".

H.A. (2S) in an account about the Crusades, told the examiner that "Richard married Princess Berengaria of Navarre and wasted time with her".

J.H. (2M) thinks that "the force can be shown by a cylinder with BULBARIANS in it". (A rugby team ?)

S.W. (4M): Lady Macbeth had to return with the daggers while Macbeth washed his hands, exclaiming, "Be damned you Spot". (A clear case of damning evidence ?)

C.W. (4M) wrote: The country-bread child is to lose health and happiness. (And thus becomes half-baked ? after being Mother's Pride ?)

M.T. (1S) remembered that "Ben Gunn asked for a piece of ptarmigan cheese". (To feed to the birds ? - he meant parmesan cheese - Ed.)

(Anon.) Its the man who works when there's nothing to do who gets to the front.

(Form 5) Who translated "Je jetai un dernier coup d'oeil sur la maison" as "I threw another cup of oil onto the house" ?

(Lower 6) Il leva les bras - He raised his support.

### THE MRS. INCE INTERVIEW

Mrs. Ince was a pupil of a West Riding Grammar School in Yorkshire. Her sporting interests at the time were hockey and tennis. From here she went on to Sheffield University to read History. However, at this point she did not intend to pursue a teaching career but merely wanted to further her education and interests in history. It was only later that she "drifted into teaching". Mrs. Ince, has however, found this to be a very enjoyable profession. She has taught in a variety of places both in High Schools and in Grammar Schools. These include schools in Cornwall, Bristol, Devon, London, West Sussex and Alcester. Perhaps the most interesting is the teaching post Mrs. Ince acquired in Bermuda for a year.

Mrs. Ince has many interests, not surprisingly connected with history, including brass-rubbing, heraldry and archaeology, having once attended many digs herself. In addition, her interests in history have led to a great deal of travel during her life and she has visited such places as North America, North Africa, Europe (particularly Greece) and South East Asia (Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore). A notable point concerning her trip to Asia is that she managed to get by on her own, knowing only eight Thai words and phrases !

At one time Mrs. Ince was also interested in dinghy sailing, although more recently, motor sport has been one of her major hobbies. In fact Mrs. Ince herself owns a 1932 Austin 7. She has on occasion, even been known to put her hand to the mechanics !

When asked about any ambitions she might have, Mrs. Ince replied that she was "ashamed to confess that all my ambitions are concerned with travel, in particular to visit Persia". She would also like to learn to fly ! Mrs. Ince would like to go round the world after she has retired, but informed us that she is very settled here and has no intentions of leaving, at the present. Mrs. Ince, who had been at Alcester Grammar School for almost eight years, told us that

she likes the school because of the friendly atmosphere and, because the school is reasonably small, she has got to know everyone.

Susan Wright (L6N)

### **FIRST RAIN**

*A leaf forms a perfect cup  
For a bird to take a sup  
Of the returning rain.  
  
A flower holds its petals out.  
After the long, thirsty drought  
The water tastes so good.  
  
The tree tops  
Rejoice in the blissful cooling drops.  
Each twig and leaf dripping delightfully.  
  
The yellow parched grass,  
Drinks at last  
From the tiny, falling diamonds.  
  
The flowers take a gracious bow,  
To thank the large grey cloud,  
For the long-awaited rain.*

Alan Baker (1S)

### **THE STORM**

*Amidst the cold wintry weather  
The distant thunder may be heard  
Rolling nearer and nearer.  
  
A streak of lightning flashes across the sky,  
One, two, three, four, five.  
Five miles away . . .  
Drawing closer.  
Crash!  
A tree has been hit  
Down it falls, showing clearly  
the burn marks in its trunk.  
Then all of a sudden all is quiet.  
But . . . now,  
Pitter, patter, pitter, patter, yes  
The rain is coming  
First slowly . . .  
Now quickly . . .  
Falling . . .  
Beating wildly  
Across the wide plain,  
Falling, falling, down.*

Alison Molloy (1S)

### **IT'S A CAT'S LIFE**

*The warm, long, sunny days had arrived after the great cold, and the time for mass mice and rat killing had begun. Also the cows were calving and the bloody milk from them was our wages, as the blood made it unsaleable.*

*Tom, Syd and I started on our usual procedure of catching mice in the granary. I slipped in the back entrance and behind the sacks of unsold corn, Tom hid behind some machinery in the opposite corner, and Syd came slinking through the front entrance. He pounced on a mouse, his weight killing it instantly and we began to chase the remaining twenty or so between us. When they were a foot away, we jumped out and killed them all. Then we picked them all up in our mouths and, in a couple of journeys, we had them all in a heap on the farm kitchen doorstep. Then we promptly started mewing and trying to scratch the door down. This had the desired effect of bringing the farmer's wife to the door. When she saw the huge pile of mice, she gave us a large bowl of bloody milk, and left us.*

*After lapping up all the milk, we set off to the best place for "ratting" — the building where the chicken food is stored. We had a different method for rats. We crept in and climbed up the back of the sacks. As the sacks were arranged in steps, Tom went on the bottom, I took the middle and Syd perched on the top. When we were positioned Syd leapt off the top onto a rat and smashed its skull. The other rats, contrary to their usual behaviour, instead of fleeing when Syd chased them, turned on him and attacked him. Under that river of large, brown rats, Syd would have been killed if we had not leapt out of hiding and pulverised the rats from behind. Rats are larger, fiercer, and better fighters than mice, but, all the same, of the thirty or so rats there to begin with, twenty-seven would never fight again. The rest fled, but they would not do battle for a few months at least. We proceeded to move the bodies to the kitchen doorstep. After drinking the milk and eating the dead rats and mice, we were allowed to laze around for the rest of the morning, licking our wounds, and chasing the occasional sparrow.*

Matthew Probert (1S)

### **WINTER**

*Covering everything in a white veil of flakes,  
Snow elegantly falls to icy ground  
Frost-bitten trees stand collecting snow  
on their finger-like branches.*

*On frost and snow-covered roof tops,  
Starveling-like birds sit perishingly cold.  
The scenery bleak, cold and grey,  
Plants, trees and shrubs, seemingly  
dead are waiting.*

*As the weeks drift by the snow  
gently melts,  
Unveiling the small blades of grass  
and tiny plants.*

*Once again the trees are alive,  
Daffodils and tulips push out of the  
Earth like tiny green spears,  
At last we can say Spring is  
here.*

Sally Rundle (3S)

## THE LAUGHING SEA

*The sea is like a lady,  
All clad in green and blue.  
She draws young men into her midst,  
Into her gleaming hue.  
They think that she is docile,  
They've conquered her great waves,  
But then she will explode,  
And send them to their graves.  
The sea will laugh,  
While widows cry,  
For she thinks she has won.  
But has she won?  
What has she gained,  
Causing suffering and pain?  
Still she rules the young men's hearts,  
And to her they will always come.  
They love her from the very start,  
And leave safe homes to go to sea.  
When old men talk of her power,  
They laugh at them for they don't see  
That at her prowess they too will cower.  
In the sea they love  
They're doomed to die,  
And she will laugh  
While widows cry.*

Sarah Longstaff (3S)

## THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

*“The time has come”, said Mr. Green,  
“To do your bit for the school magazine.  
I want it in Monday, dead or alive,  
Else it’s the library, twelve-thirty five!  
Now you’ve got three lessons, a homework too,  
So quiet please, you’ve work to do!”*

*We saluted smartly, fear in our eyes,  
His orders we obey, no backchat or lies.  
What shall I write, a story or poem?  
I didn’t know what, but thought “I’ll show him!”  
Out came my biro and extra brain,  
(Mine is gradually beginning to wane!)*

*We deaden to silence and start to write,  
I wonder what’s on telly tonight?  
Bitting my pen I wait for inspiration,  
Oh no it’s “Crossroads” what gloom and desolation!  
Dear God, it is with great hope I pray,  
That you’ll be able to stop “Crossroads”, just this day.*

*Perhaps a short verse in French will do,  
"Bonjour mademoiselle, comment vous appelez-vous?"  
For this insolence I'm sure to pay,  
So there's just one thing for me to say.  
"Oh woe is me, Mr. Green,  
I can't do a thing for the school magazine."*

Caroline Ross (4S)

## **DISCONTINUATION**

Maria Gennoy (4S)

## THE ROYAL SHOW

*Paarst the faarm machinery, up the mayne street, fillin' me lungs wi' the  
olde countree smell o' manure.*

We followed our noses — in more than one sens — to ye olde cowes, goates and sheep, my they were something! The prize sheep; she were a beauty — there be enough wool on her to keep me in jumpers for six years.

I then wanders over to ye flubbery pigs, sweatin' and gaspin' in the hot sun, and picks me out a large sow to take home to the faarm.

By this tyme I was in need of refreshment, so I makes me way to that there food 'all. I sees them hunks o' meat sittin' on the meat counter, and eats them juicy red strawberries, fresh from the field.

I finds my way to the grande ringe, and sees butiful 'osses and bulls showin' themselves off to the crowd and lookin' like they own the place.

*There be so much to see, I were bloomin' tired, so after I put me order in  
fur a new tractor, I makes me way home.*

Lynne Silverstone and Jane Stevens (LVI)

## THE HEADMASTER

Mr. Turner was born in London where he lived until the outbreak of the second world war. During the war he was evacuated to South Africa to stay with relatives.

In 1945 he resumed his education in England when he attended a London Grammar School (now closing due to refusal to go comprehensive). It was at this school that Mr. Turner first took an interest in Drama, playing in many school Shakespeare productions.

Following a successful academic career in school Mr. Turner went on to read Mathematics at King's College, London and studied for his Certificate of Education at St Catherine's, Cambridge.

In reply to the question: "Had you always considered teaching as a career?", the Head replied: "Yes, I have never really considered anything else, (although I was once an actuary for six weeks!)"

Mr. Turner's first teaching post was at Bolton school where he taught for four years before leaving to take up the post of 'Head of Mathematics' at Chatham House Grammar School, Kent. "We were never allowed to forget the fact that Edward Heath was a former pupil there" Mr. Turner informed us!

Mr. Turner's next teaching posts were: Head of Maths, and later Senior Master at Henley-on-Thames Grammar School. In 1 he took up his present position - that of Headmaster at A.G.S., where he says that he is very happy and has no plans to leave.

In his spare time, Mr. Turner still pursues his interest in drama by visits to the theatre, and participated in Amateur Operatics. In addition to these interests, Mr. Turner plays the piano ("for my own amusement, but not for other people's!")

By his own admission, Mr. Turner has always had: "a poor eye for a ball". However, he enjoyed swimming at school and still swims occasionally for exercise.

When the magazine committee asked Mr. Turner for his views on the school magazine he said that he would like to see more pupil artwork in the magazine.

Mr. Turner has no immediate plans for the future, he says: "Life is best if you take it one stage at a time."

However the Head would like to see the school made bigger by a form a year to allow a wider range of subjects to be taught and better facilities for the sixth form.

Helen Thompson (L6N)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO :-

Adele Beard, who at Chadsmoor Music Festival, won 1st prize for violin playing under 14 years, 1st prize for piano playing under 14 and 2nd prize for piano under 16.

Mark Greenaway for being chosen to represent Warwickshire at the World Scout Jamboree in America and for winning the Bidford-on-Avon Carnival canoe race.

Gregory Hickin - 1st in the Worcestershire AAA 100 m. and 200

m; and, in the Warwickshire Schools Championship, 3rd in 100 m and 2nd in 200 m.

Jane Glaze for passing Associated Board's Music examinations Flute, grade VIII (merit) and Piano, grade VII, (merit).

Julie Hinks in the same examinations passed Flute, grade VIII (merit) and Piano, grade VII (distinction).

Jonathan Hallam who, in the Ragley Sailing Club, received trophies for finishing first in the Mirror summer series, the Frostbite series and overall handicap racing.

Joanna Tuplin, Lindsey Collins and Kay Millard who received Queen's Guide Awards in the Great Alne Company.

Nicola Fillia, Jane Stevens, Jackie McAloon, Christopher Probert, Jonathan Edmunds, Linda Treadgold and Fiona Girvan who passed their Junior First-Aid Examination.

Candidates in the November 1978 G.C.E. examinations:- P. Newton - m. A. Richards - el, h. C. Stancliffe - re. H. Thompson - h. A. Walters - met. A. Yapp - m. S. Hunt - p.

Peter Bromwich for winning the Bidford Canoeing Regatta Trophy.

Rachel Baker for representing Avon district in the county round of the National girl guide tennis singles tournament and winning the over 14 event. Jane Stanley was runner-up in the under 13 event.

Timothy Gill for winning his Chief Scout Award.

Mr. C. J. Johnson, chairman of the editorial group of the Alcester and District Local History Society, for publishing a gazeteer entitled "The Industrial Archaeology of the Lower Arrow Valley, Warwickshire".

Alan Young for gaining an advanced standard scout award in the 1st Inkberrow Scout Group.

Helen Quigley for winning a 25 mile endurance horse ride at the Berkshire Agricultural College in Maidenhead on Snowflake.

Lisa Gascoigne for winning a race in the Donkey Derby at Ragley Hall.

Anne Hunt, Alice Emerson, Liz McCarthy and Helen Quigley for expert cooking of 'hot-dogs' at the annual Spring Fayre, which with other events raised over £900 for the Parents' Association.

Jane Whinn who won the Merrie Trophy for long-distance riding (E.H.P.S.)

#### **THANKS TO :-**

Form 1S for raising £8 by means of a well-supported book sale and donating the money to the mini-bus fund.

Carl Broughton (advised by Mr. Maund) for fixing a wall screen in Room 9.

Mr. Dickinson and willing helpers for repairing desks.

The Parents' Association for providing a new minibus.

Mrs. Lewis and her staff for providing an excellent variety of school meals every day.

All who brought old newspapers to school. The waste paper sale brought in £48 for the Parents' Association.

Mr. C. J. Johnson for photographs of the play.

## STAFF NEWS

Mrs. S. Harper left at the end of the Autumn Term 1978 on the appointment of Mr. P. Watts from Marsh Hill School, Birmingham, who teaches Mathematics.

During the illness of Miss Morris, we were fortunate to obtain temporary, part-time assistance from Mrs. A. Waterworth and Mrs. P. White who took some of the French classes.

Mr. A. Copland from Worcester College of Higher Education spent part of the Spring Term here on teaching practice in the Geography Department.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Balaam on the birth of a daughter, Janice Margaret, on July 6th.

Miss Marianne Griffith, a former music mistress who left in 1949, died this year.

Miss E. E. Evans, a former senior mistress who retired in 1947 died in 1976.

Mrs. Pamela Hancox has made the daily collection of dinner money in the Dining Hall since September 1978.

## OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Stephen Cull (69-76) B.A. degree, class 2.ii in Physics at York University. He is going to work with Computers for G.E.C. at Coventry. David Rose (69-76), B.Sc., honours degree, class 2, in Chemistry at Bristol University.

Julian Saunders (69-76), honours degree, class 2ii, in geography at Aberystwyth University.

Peter Ellix (73-75), B.Ed. degree at Southampton.

Hilary Whinn (71-76) is teaching in a Middle School in Otley, Nr Leeds. Simon Burlton (65-72) is teaching at Chelmer Residential School, Chelmsford, Essex.

Stephen Godfrey (63-70) is a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

Rosemary John (65-72) is a physiotherapist at Droitwich Hospital.

Robert Greig (68-75), B.Sc. honours degree, class 2i, in Business Administration.

He has been elected President of the Union at Bath University for his sabbatical post-graduate year. He hopes to take a Ph.D. degree later.

Andrew Blundell (69-76) is an Insurance Underwriter trainee in Eagle Star Insurance, Birmingham.

Denise Ransley (73-75) has been appointed an officer in the Salvation Army, on completion of her training.

Pauline Ashton (70-77) has been elected President of the Union for 1979-80 at St Mary's College, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Frances Beech (74-76) has been awarded a B.A. degree in Landscape Architecture at Manchester Polytechnic.

Roger Holland (69-76) gained a B.Sc. honours degree in Accountancy and Statistics at Southampton University and is now touring America.

Janet Tedstone (69-76) is teaching at Westbrook Hay.

Michelle Drew (70-77) is taking a B.A. Course in Interior Design at Teeside Polytechnic.

Michael Tedstone (66-73) is a Development Officer for the Central Wales Line of British Rail, stationed at Llandrindod Well, Powys.

Nigel Groves (72-74) is now a B.D.S. of Birmingham University and has a practice in Solihull.

Graham Ricketts (67-73) is a development engineer at T.I. Sturmey-Archer in Nottingham (Raleigh Industries Ltd.)

Julie Holsman (70-74) has a B.A. degree in Fine Art at Reading University.

Judith Evans (69-76) is an associate of the Institute of Linguists.

Timothy Cooke (73-78) is studying Physics, Mathematics and French at 'A' level at Bromsgrove School.

Jan Read (71-78) started a bi-lingual course at Rugby in September 1979.

Duncan Roeves (70-77) has been accepted for a Cadetship with Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd.

Gillian Mann (69-74) has a degree class 2ii in Textiles and Fashion at Birmingham Polytechnic.

Jeremy Roberts (69-74) has a diploma in Printing Technology at Manchester Polytechnic.

Andrew Hughes (70-76) is an associate of the Birmingham School of Music.

Kathryn Orange (69-76) has completed an HND Course in Business at Redditch and is now taking a post-graduate diploma in Personnel Management at Aston University.

Kim Badland (69-76) has been awarded a degree (class 2ii) in the History of Art at Manchester University. She is taking a post-graduate certificate in Education.

Margaret Cheadle (65-72) (née Cund) teaches at Exhall First School, Coventry.

Nigel Noaks (71-78) has obtained industrial sponsorship from Marconi Radar Systems Ltd. He has worked for Marconi at Chelmsford for a year before starting an Electronic Engineering Degree Course at Southampton University.

Brian Jones (43-50) has published his first novel entitled 'Dangerous Maze'.

Alison Lancaster (74-78) is starting a B.A. Fine Art Course at Goldsmith's College of Art.

Ann Collins (69-76) obtained a B.Sc. honours degree in Psychology, class 2i and expects to train as a clinical psychologist after gaining experience in a hospital.

Joanna Broadis (74-76) spent half a year studying linguistics at the Sorbonne in Paris and giving English lessons. The second half of the year was spent studying Greek at Athens University and preparing a contrastive analysis of the Greek and English phonetic systems.

Andrew Broadis (74-76) is taking an 'A'level course in English litera-

ture and sociology at Stratford College.

Gillian White (71-78) has been awarded a National Cash Register (Manufacturing) prize for Mathematics at Dundee University.

Jane Fitzsimmons (73-75), after a four years' course at the Queen Elizabeth School of Nursing, has passed the State final examinations and is now a State Registered Nurse and a Registered Sick Children's Nurse. She is a Staff Nurse at the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Ian Greig (67-72) is an assistant surveyor at Leicester City Estates Department.

Aubrey J. Gwinnett (School Governor) took part in the BBC radio programme 'Down Your Way', broadcast on 10th August, 1979.

Jane Badger (66-71) is company secretary in a Builders Supplies Firm in Alcester, having previously worked in Barclay's Bank.

Alan Godfrey (62-69) acts in the Cookhill Amateur Dramatic Society.

David West (67-73) and John Hemming (47-52) played Orsino and Feste, respectively, in Twelfth Night - the Alcester Drama Group's Open Air Production.

Nicholas Titley (72-76) gained an honours B.Sc. (Econ.) class 2 in International Politics at Aberystwyth University.

Sarah Douglas (64-69) is now too well-known for us to record all her successes. Suffice is to recall her recent appearances in 'The People that Time Forgot', 'Superman', 'Thundercloud', 'The Saint' and a television commercial.

Timothy Drew (71-78), after a year at Marlborough College, is studying at Exeter University. As captain of the Dragons Hockey Team he toured Canada and the United States of America during the summer.

John Seeney (75-77) is at Liverpool University, reading Geology.

Paul Craddock (56-63), a Doctor of Science in the British Museum, has carried out a year's research on the Horses of San Marco in St Mark's Square, Venice. These were on exhibition in the Royal Academy in September and October 1979.

Howard Hodgkins (66-73) is Head of the Physics Department at Moulton School, near Northampton.

### MARRIAGES

1977 John Cheadle to Margaret Cund (65-72)

1978 Christopher Taylor (66-68) to Elizabeth Nicholson.

Ian Tanner (66-73) to Kay Adkins (70-76)

Brett Lancaster (63-70) to Mary McKenna.

Stephen France to Helen Gotrel (70-73).

1979 Nicholas Joly de Lotbinière to Catherine Plummer (72-74)

David Baron to Susan Mary Gladwin (65-72)

David Lines to Susan Bond (65-72)

Steven Smith (68-75) to Susan Clark.

Nigel Gumbley (64-71) to Denise Alderson.

Jean-Luc Pages from Marseilles to Cheryl Anne Turner (65-72)

Trevor White to Anne Ewins (70-75)

John Marchant to Jayne Coffee (67-74)  
David Laight to Jayne Portman (75-77)  
Stephen Philpott (72-74) to Karen Haines.

### BIRTHS

On 23.5.79 to Mr. and Mrs. White (née Jane Sawyer) (67-74) - a son, David.

To Mr. and Mrs. Amor (née Lynette Gray) (52-57) - a son, David John Roger.

To Dr and Mrs. M. Creasy (née Vanessa Burton) (64-71) a daughter, Lois in 1976.

### DEATHS

Alfred Anker (15-20) died on Jan. 24th, 1977, aged 74. He was manager of Lloyd's Bank, Haverhill, Suffolk.

Christine Winnett, aged 70.

### OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINING BOARD RESULTS — 1979

Code: e—English language, el—English literature, f—French, g—German, h—history, gy—Geography, m—Mathematics, p—Physics, c—Chemistry, b—Biology, hb—Human Biology, mw—metalwork, ed—Engineering Drawing, fn—food and nutrition, a—Art, mu—Music, ec—Economics, he—home economics, am—Additional Mathematics, l—Latin, sp—Spanish.

\* denotes the highest grade was awarded.

#### Advanced Level - Upper Sixth

Michael Blizzard—ec; Steven Chambers—m, p, c; Stephen Dyer—el\*, f\*, h\*; Jonathan Hallam—el\*, f, h; Paul Hancox—p; Julian McMahon—p; Colin Partridge—m, p, c; Hugh Rowley—p; Louise Allen—el; Amanda Brewin—el, h, a; Siobhan Clancy—el, f, h; Kay Edwards—el, f, h; Jennifer Fraser—he; Shirley Millard—el, he; Nicola Pepper—h, ec, m; Julia Rankin—m, p, c; Clare Sawyer—m, p, c; Timothy Clark—p; Andrew Dunbar—h, gy; Matthew Goodman—m, p\*, c; Stephen McCarthy—p, c, b; Andrew Phelps—ec, m; David Robertson—p, c, b\*; Susan Berridge—m, p, c; Nicola Court—c, b; Julie Dodsworth—ec, gy; Jayne Fox—m, c, b; Renata Mosz—gy, b; Ann Sullivan—h, ec, gy; Fiona Tompkins—el, h; Jane Williams—el, h; Michael Chinm—b; Andrew Flowerdew—p, c; Martyn Langston—p; Duncan Neville—p, b; Trevor Ratledge—m, p, b; David Shore—p, c, b; Digby Smart—m, p, c; Kathryn Bird—el; Alison Collett—he; Carolyn O'Sullivan—el, h, b; Trudy Stanley—el, h, ec; Elizabeth Sturley—p, c, b.

#### Advanced Level - Lower Sixth

Peter Bromwich—m; Paul Ingram—m; Fiona Girvan—m.

#### External Candidates

Nicholas Forbes—gy; Nicholas Raspin—gy.

#### Ordinary Level

Form 5M:- Carl Broughton—e\*, f, gy, m, p, c, ed; Matthew Burton—e, el, f, gy\*, m—p\*, ed; Simon Butler—e, el, h, gy, m\*, c; Philip Crow—e, gy, m, p, hb, ed; Timothy Down—e\*, el, f\*, m\*, p\*, c\*, b\*, ed\*; Paul Foster—e\*, el\*, f, gy\*, m\*, p\*, c, b\*; Peter Goodman—e, el, f\*, m\*, p\*, c\*, b\*, ed\*; Timothy Haig—e, el, m\*, p\*, c, b, ed\*; David Hemingway—e\*, el\*, f, gy\*, m\*, p\*, c\*, b\*, mu; Graham Hemming—e\*, el\*, f, g, gy\*, m\*, p\*, c\*; Gary Raybould—e, h, a; Christopher Rugg—e, el, gy, m, p, ed; Robert Shore—e\*, el, f, m\*, p\*, b, mw, ed\*; Iain Sinclair—e, el, h, m; Ronald Smith—e\*, el, f,

h, gy, m, p, hb\*; Nicholas Strain—e, el, f, m, p\*, c, b, ed; Graham Ward—e\*, el\*, f\*, gy, m\*, p\*, c\*, b\*; Ellen Baggett—e\*, el\*, f\*, h, m, p, fn\*; Jayne Copping—e\*, el, f\*, g, m, p, hb, fn; Helen Dexter—e, el, m, hb, fn, a; Cheryl Fairhurst—e, el, f, h\*, m, p, fn\*; Anne Griffiths—e\*, el\*, f\*, g\*, h\*, m, hb\*, fn, mu; Cheryl Gulliver—e, el, f, fn; Sally Holt—e, el, f, m, p, c, fn; Katherine Lewis—e, el, f, m, fn\*; Karen Miller—e\*, el, f, gy, m, fn; Elizabeth Mosz—e, f, h, m, p, c, b; Judith Pickles—e, el, f, gy, m, p, fn; Julie Read—e, el, f, m, hb, fn, a; Julie Taylor—e\*, el\*, f\*, g\*, m, c\*, b, fn\*; Amanda Wearing—e\*, el\*, f\*, g\*, h\*, m\*, p\*, c\*.

Form 5S:- Christopher Ashton—e\*, el, f, h, gy, m, p, hb; Jason Barnes—e, el, f, gy, m, ed; Nigel Braithwaite—e, el, f, h\*, m\*, p\*, c\*, b\*; David Broderick—e, el, h, m, p, c, b; Kevan Burrows—e, el, gy, m, hb, a; Russell Buxton—e\*, el\*, F\*, g, gy\*, m\*, p\*, c\*; Ian Fletcher—e, h, gy, hb, a; Nigel Hood—e, el, gy, m, p; Alan Matthews—e, el, f, gy, m, hb, a; Timothy Reed—m, p, c; Rhys Thomas—m, p, mw, ed; Julian Wain—e\* el\*, f, g, h\*, gy\*, m, b; Richard Walters—e, gy, mw; Stephen Wedbury—e, el, m, p, b, mw, ed; Jonathan Wolfe—e, el, f, h, m, p\*, c, b; Anthony Richards—m, p; Rosemary Church—e, el\*, gy, m\*, p\*, c\*, b; Susan Edwards—e\*, el\*, f, h, b; Louise Fatek—e, hb, a\*; Maxine Hancock—e\*, el\*, f, h, gy\*, m, hb; Janette Hasson—e, el\*, f, gy, m\*, p\*, c\* b; Fiona Hazeldine—e, el, h, gy\*, hb\*, fn\*; Catherine Howell—e\*, el\*, f, gy\*, m, c, b\*, fn; Jennifer Manley—e\*, el\*, f, g, h\*, m, hb, fn; Helen Maries—e, el, f, gy, m, p, b; Elizabeth McCarthy—e\*, el, f, g, h\*, gy, m, hb\*, mu; Caroline Ritchie—e\*, el\*, f, g, h\*, gy, m, p; Sandra Taylor—e, el, gy, m, p, b, fn; Polly Thompson—e\*, el\*, f, a; Karen Wells—e, el, f, gy, hb, a; Eleanor Woodhouse—e\*, el, f, h, gy, hb.

Upper Sixth:- Stephen Dyer—I; Jonathan Hallam—I; Siobhan Clancy—I. Lower Sixth

Form L6N:- Justin Wilks—am, p; Anne Hunt—am; Rowena Swinbourne—ec\*, am; Susan Wright—sp\*.

Form L6S:- Christopher Probert—am\*; Ellen Currah—am, a; Alice Emerson—am\*; Anne Thompson—am.

Form L6W:- Richard Chilton—am; Darren Cooper—am; Warren Harding—gy; Patrick Seeney—am; Nicola Filla—p; Amanda Smart—am, fn\*.

External:- Andrew Yapp—p.

Fourth Year, Mathematics:- David Apsley\*, Peter Bayley, James Emerson\*, Karen Hooker, Gail Reeves, Joanna Tuplin, Andrew Boston\*, Philip Catherall, Steven Clark, Roy Foster, Paul Handy, Richard Horton, Jonathan Howarth, Simon Pepper, William Wilks, Juliet Chambers, Lindsey Collins, Susan Farr\*, Julia Hall, Sarah Hill, Louise Lancaster, Caroline Ross, Margaret Scally.

Fifth Form C.S.E. Grade 1 in Mathematics—Susan Edwards, Polly Thompson.

### Upper Sixth Leavers:-

**To Universities:** Stephen Dyer (Modern History at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford), Jonathan Hallam (Law at Sheffield), Colin Partridge (Electro-Acoustics at Salford), Siobhan Clancy (Modern Languages at Leeds), Kay Edwards (French and Italian at Exeter), Clare Sawyer (Medicine at Southampton in 1980), Matthew Goodman (Electronics and Control Engineering at Bradford), Stephen McCarthy (Medicine at Birmingham), David Robertson (Medicine at Birmingham), Jayne Fox (Bio-chemistry at Swansea), Ann Sullivan (Public and Social Policy at Bradford), Trevor Ratledge (Royal Dental Hospital), David Shore (Medicine at Birmingham), Digby Smart (Materials Science at Bradford), Carolyn O'Sullivan (Psychology at Manchester), Trudy Stanley (Managerial Sciences at Umist), Elizabeth Sturley (Dentistry at Welsh National School of Medicine).

**To Polytechnics:** Steven Chambers (B.Sc. in Engineering at

Oxford), Julian McMahon (H.N.D. in Automotive Engineering at Oxford), Nicola Court (Biological Science at Plymouth).

**To Colleges:** Amanda Brewin (St Paul and St Mary, Cheltenham), Jennifer Fraser (Business Studies at Dorset Institute of Higher Education, Bournemouth), Nicola Pepper (B.Ed. at West Sussex College of Further Education), Susan Berridge (Agriculture at Harper Adams College, Newport, Shropshire), Fiona Tompkins (B.A. in English and Media Studies at Dorset Institute of Higher Education, Weymouth), Andrew Flowerdew (B.Ed. at Worcester College of Higher Education).

**To other Training and Employment:** John Greenaway (I.D.C. Stratford), Paul Hancox (Electronics Apprenticeship, Balco, Redditch), Hugh Rowley (Technical Training, Redditch), Louise Allen (Trustee Savings Bank, Redditch), Shirley Millard (Barclay's Bank, Stratford), Julia Rankin (Equestrianism), Andrew Dunbar (Professional Golf), Keith Evans (National Westminster Bank, Stratford), Julie Dodsworth (Retail Management Training, Lewis's), Michael Chinn (Business Training at British Leyland), Martyn Langston (Telecommunications Engineering at Post Office), Alison Collett (Barclay's Bank, Stratford), Michelle Shaw (mentally and medically handicapped nursing), Deborah Rugg (au pair in Belgium).

**Lower Sixth:** Jennie Holland, Stella Fitzgerald (Nursery Nursing), Sharon Watton (Insurance), Warren Harding (trainee accountant).

**Fifth Forms:** Carl Broughton (Merchant Navy), Matthew Burton, Christopher Rugg, Ian Fletcher (Leamington College), Ellen Baggett, Cheryl Fairhurst, Katherine Lewis, Kevan Burrows, Louise Fatek, Fiona Hazeldine, Polly Thompson, Eleanor Woodhouse (S.W.C.F.E.), Karen Miller (Redditch College), Susan Edwards (Evesham College of F.E.), Helen Dexter (Lloyd's Bank), Richard Walters (Agriculture), Stephen Wedgbury (Apprentice Technician), Karen Wells (Nursing), Gary Raybould (Apprentice Mechanic).

## PREFECTS 1979—80

**Head Boy:** Peter Bromwich

**Deputy Head Boy:** Darren Cooper

**Prefects:** Richard Chilton, Paul Ingram, Alastair Lynam,

Paul Newton, Tony Noaks, Christopher Probert,

Mark Shurmer, Justin Wilks.

**Head Girl:** Anne Hunt

**Deputy Head Girl:** Susan Wright

**Prefects:** Ellen Currah, Alice Emerson, Nicola Filla,

Jane Hartland, Jackie McAlloon, Helen Quigley, Lynne Silverstone,

Mandy Smart, Jane Stevens, Rowena Swinbourne,

Helen Thompson, Jane Whinn.

## SCHOOL REGISTER

### FAREWELL

Autumn Term 1978: Gary Manders (U6), Iain Morris (4S),  
Spring Term 1979: Nicholas Tidd (1G).

Summer Term 1979: Jennie Holland, Sharon Watten, Stella Fitzgerald,  
Warren Harding (1G).

U6N: Michael Blizard, Steven Chambers, Stephen Dyer, John Greenaway,  
Jonathan Hallam, Paul Hancer, Julian McVernon, Colin Partridge, Hugh  
Rowley, Louise Allen, Amanda Brown, Siobhan Clancy, Kay Edwards, Jennifer  
Fraser, Shirley Millard, Nicola Pepper, Julia Rankin, Clare Sawyer.

U6S: Timothy Clark, Andrew Dunbar, Keith Evans, Matthew Goodman,  
Stephen McCarthy, Andrew Phelps, David Robertson, Adrian Waters, Susan  
Herridge, Nicola Court, Julie Dodsworth, Jayne Fox, Renata Mosz, Ann  
Sullivan, Fiona Tompkins, Jane Williams.

U7W: Michael Cunn, Andrew Flowerdew, Martyn Langston, Duncan  
Neville, Trevor Ratledge, David Shore, Digby Smart, Kathryn Bird, Alison  
Collett, Carolyn O'Sullivan, Michelle Sharp, Trudy Stander, Elizabeth Sturley,  
Deborah Rugg.

5M: Matthew Burton, Carl Broughton, Gary Raybould, Christopher Russ,  
Lilien Baggett, Helen Dexter, Cheryl Fairhurst, Katherine Lewis, Karen Miller,  
Elizabeth Mosz.

5S: Kevan Burrows, Ian Fletcher, Richard Walters, Stephen Wedgbury,  
Anthony Richards, Susan Edwards, Louise Petek, Fiona Hazeldine, Polly  
Thompson, Karen Weis, Eleanor Woodhouse.

4M: Jonathan Lowe.

4S: Susan McCarthy, Anna Capes.

### WELCOME

September 1979

1M: Keith Baldry, Andrew P. Barnby, Michael A. Bennett, Phillip J. Buglass,  
David J. Griffiths, Mark O. Jewitt, Lawrence A. Jones, Paul J. Lane, Robert J.  
Redman, Andrew W. M. Thomson, John Williams, Nicholas J. Wootton-Jones,  
Jacqueline A. Bailey, Lisa D. Bubley, Suzanne J. Coldicutt, Rosanne M. Dagg,  
Vivien R. Evans, Cheryl Harper, Kathryn A. Howell, Thea J. Hughes,  
Teresa L. Jackson, Tracey A. McCalman, Katherine M. Newey, Rebecca A.  
Simmons, Caroline Smalley, Sally J. Smith, Jill J. Stephenson, Sara C. Wood,  
Karen M. Woodward, Helen D. Wright.

1S: Andrew S. Butler, Marcus A. R. Carter, Simon B. Davis, Stephen Hall,  
C. Leslie Hancock, Iain M. Hurley, Stephen H. Sidaway, Mark G. Sreeves,  
Philip J. Teasdale, Andrew J. Williams, Robin D. Woodger, Steven J. Young,  
Karen L. Bradbury, Gillian Bubb, Cathryn A. Bunt, Kay Coleman, Sarah  
Cotton, Sarah L. Cox, Samantha L. Davies, Caren C. Edwards, Ingrid R.  
Elliott, Rachael Haines, Karen L. Hems, Mercedes M. King, Victoria F. S.  
Payne, Katharine A. Pickles, Katie A. Pritchard, Lyn A. Ratcliffe, Louise A.  
Ross, Amanda Strain.

1M: Stephen Waller (St. Stephen's Middle School), Martin Hartley (West  
mouth G.S.).

2M: Christopher Christou (Studley H.S.), Carole Rutter (Bidford H.S.).

4S: Richard Marsh (Leys H.S.), Lower Sixth: Julie Adams and Jamie Kerr from Studley H.S., Henry Wanabe  
from Warwick School.

Upper Sixth: Jeremy Raigh from Beskhill School, Jane Rawling from Alice  
Ordery School, Worcester.

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